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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 10/646,308 |
| Filing Date | August 21, 2003 |
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| Group / Art Unit | 1646 |
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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0089
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$810.00.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$1,110.00. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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